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SCHNEIDER TROPHY

TO-MORROW'S GREAT AIR RACE

WILL BRITAIN WIN?

Gloster-Napier Monoplane May Withdraw

NAMES OF ENTRANTS

To-morrow the famous Schneider Trophy seaplane race will be flown at Southampton Water, and, in spite of American boasts of a magnificent racing 'plane they have produced, Great Britain is supremely confident of retaining the Trophy. Four new machines have been specially built for the Air Ministry for this race, two of them being Gloster-Napier 6 monoplanes, and two of them Super-Marine Rolls-Royce 5-6 machines. Three of these will represent Britain in the race, and the team which is to fly them has been in strict training at Calshot for some months, carrying out practices on Gloster-Napier biplanes and the Super-Marine Napier S-6, which won the race for Britain two years ago.

The rumour that the Gloster-Napier monoplane may not take part in the race is disappointing, since she was Britain's hope, and a speed of 400 miles an hour was predicted for her by Squadron Leader Orlebar, who is in command of the High Speed Flight.

FEVERISH EXCITEMENT

Feverish excitement is being felt on the eve of the Schneider Cup race. Accommodation at Cowes and other points of vantage on the Solent are taxed to their uttermost. A million spectators are expected to see the race, which will not include Mr. F. H. Royce, the designer of the Rolls Royce supermarine S6, which was Great Britain's hope, as it was stated to-night that the Gloucester Napier monoplane is unlikely to race. Mr. Royce is in bed at his home at Wittering, Sussex, suffering from the strain of over-work in connection with the contest. The machines participating in the race must be ready to-night for the navigability trials to-morrow, after which no alterations or improvements will be allowed.

Italian 'Plane's Mishap

The Italian team's famous Macchi 62 plane, in which Major Bernhardi achieved the World's speed record, was nearly sunk to-day in alighting after a first test on the Solent. This was the third thrill within two days, as the S6 and the Macchi 67 yesterday both just escaped collisions with vessels.

The Teams

London, Later. The following teams have been chosen for the Schneider Cup race:—Great Britain: Flying-Officers Waghorn, Atchener, Flight-Lieutenant D'Arcy Greig, and Re-

RAID ON PAPER

ARTICLES SEIZED BY THE POLICE

REASON NOT DISCLOSED

During the past 24 hours, men of the Criminal Investigation Department under Chief Detective-Inspector Reynolds and Sub-Inspector Carey, carried out a raid on the premises of a local Chinese newspaper called the "Hong Kong Sieu Yat Po," with offices at No. 53, Wyndham-street.

The name given above is the Cantonese rendering, the actual name appearing on the name board outside No. 53, Wyndham-street is painted in the Northern dialect, with English letters, as "Hong Kong Shao Jih Pao."

The reason for the raid has not been disclosed by Police officials who were approached this morning, but that the raid had been fruitful was apparent by the fact that certain articles had been seized and removed to Police Headquarters.

These included three drawers which had obviously been taken from a cabinet, two rattan baskets, and a medium sized black Chinese box. The drawers, baskets and boxes, which evidently contained documents, were this morning removed to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, apparently for translation.

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CANTON ARMY

APPLICATION FOR MORE SALARY

PETITION TO CHIANG

Canton, Yesterday. Now that the Kwangtung Army is under the direct control of the Central Government, the Commander-in-Chief, General Chan Chai-tong, has petitioned the Marshal Chiang Kai-shek that for the month of September and thereafter, the Army should receive more money, that is, 25 per cent above the local currency.

It is not known whether any reply has yet been received, but inasmuch the request is reasonable, no doubt is entertained by the military officers that the Central Government will comply with it.

Commanders to Depart for Nanking

It will be remembered that according to the Disbandment Conference held last month in Nanking, the military strength of Kwangtung is fixed at five divisions, and that on September 1 the commanders of these divisions were formally sworn to office.

Following military procedure, the new commanders will depart for Nanking to report to Chairman Chiang Kai-shek.

According to military circles, the Commander-in-Chief Chan Chai-tong has drawn up a list of the divisional, brigade and regimental commanders, who are to visit Nanking. The list is divided into three batches of officers, who will leave in turns. The officers of the first batch, who will proceed this week, are General Yu Hon-mu of the 59th Division, Tsai Ting-kai of the 60th Division, and Li Yang-kin of the 63rd Division.

After reporting at Nanking, these officers will take a trip to Manchuria to study the situation in the northern provinces; they will be away a month.

On their return to Canton, the second batch, consisting of Generals Chiang Kwang-nai, of the 61st Division, Heung Hon-ping, of the 62nd Division, and Brigadier-Generals Li Chun-ku, and Yip Shiu will start for the North. When these officers have returned, the third batch, made up of regimental commanders, will follow.—Canton New Agency.

TRAFFIC CASES

BUS DRIVERS' REASONS FOR SPEEDING

MR. BRAYFIELD'S COMPLAINT

The driver of lorry 2512 was fined \$5 by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at Kowloon Police Court this morning, for failing to have sufficiently lighted headlights.

For leaving his car unattended for half an hour the driver of car 1509 was fined \$4.

A fine of \$20 was imposed on the driver of motor lorry 2383 for not giving due warning when turning into Nathan Road from Shantung Street.

A complaint had been received from Mr. Brayfield to this effect, as his car would have been involved in a serious collision had it not been for his sudden swerving.

Failing to produce his licence, when called upon to do so the driver of bus 687 of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd., was fined \$5.

Mr. H. Shim, owner of private car 896, was fined \$5 for parking his vehicle on the wrong side of Peking Road outside the Star Theatre, during the nine o'clock performance.

The driver of Kowloon Motor Bus Co.'s vehicle 652, a 36-seater was fined \$20 for speeding at the rate of 28 m.p.h., between Prince Edward Road and Waterloo Road on the night of August 16. Defendant stated that he had been a bus driver for 12 years and that it was the first time that he appeared in Court for speeding. He also added that he had to keep to the schedule, and that he would have been reported by an inspector of the Company if he was seen passing another bus of the Company.

THEFT OF FAN

A MYSTERIOUS "BLACK BOY" MENTIONED

A Chinese appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith on two charges, namely, larceny of an electric fan from 18, Reclamation Street and alternatively, with receiving the fan.

Detective C.663 stated that he went to the accused's house at 87, Reclamation Street yesterday, and found hidden between the wood and back of a glass mirror, 18 pawn tickets, one of these corresponding with the fan which was stolen on July 27; he said that a "black boy" (not necessarily an Indian) had showed him where he stole the fan. After further enquiries it was recovered.

His Worship pointed out that it was queer that the accused should have known where the fan was. However, he withdrew the charge of theft, and convicted him of the charge of unlawfully receiving, fining him \$20 or, in default, three weeks' jail with hard labour.

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CIVIL SERVANTS AND SALARIES

DISAPPOINTMENT?

BUSINESSLIKE PROPOSALS OF COMMISSION

BUT HOPE STILL DEFERRED

It would, of course, be fair to suggest that the views of a few individuals in the Government Service, although representative of most classes of Civil Servants, will be typical of opinion at large. It appears, however, that certain facts have already been known to those concerned for some days, through the medium of General Orders, and that the report of the Salaries Recommendation (referred to elsewhere in this issue) was not a surprise.

Some commend the Commissioners for their businesslike suggestions, particularly in their proposal to set aside "extras" which, to the taxpayer, seem to be vexatious, discriminatory, and confusing as to what a man really is paid.

COUNSEL'S SERVICES MISSED

There also appears to have been disappointment in more than one class, mainly in the direction that the recommended increases were not nearly as large as expected. Hope is, therefore, still deferred.

Those who are in receipt of sterling salaries prefer to wait until they get their new equivalent in Hong Kong dollars before making up their mind as to whether they have gained or lost!

A feature which, it is said, will earn the approbation of many, is the indication that the present length-of-service bar to rent allowance for juniors ought to go.

In one department regret was mentioned that permission was not sought for course to appear before the Commission, to press the claims of one or more classes in the Civil Service.

CHINA'S FINANCES

NATIONAL DOMESTIC BONDS ALLOTTED

KWANTUNG'S SHARE

Canton, Yesterday. The Ministry of Finance has fixed the allotments of domestic bonds to be taken up by the provinces.

Peking and Tientsin bankers are given \$3,000,000 bonds to dispose of.

Hankow bankers, \$2,000,000; Shansi Province, \$2,000,000; Honan, Anhwei, Kansu, Chekiang, Fukien, Chihli, Hupeh, Hunan, Kwangtung and Kiangsi provinces, from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

The total amount is \$29,200,000.

Kwangtung's share of the domestic bonds is \$5,000,000.

CENTRAL BANK

Mr. Chow Man-chor, managing director of the Central Bank, left to-day by the "Empress of Asia" for Shanghai. It is said that he will return with General Chen Ming-shu and his party.—Canton New Agency.

EXAMINERS' BOARD

FOR DISTRICT MAGISTRATES AND STAFFS

DATES OFFICIALLY FIXED

Canton, Yesterday.

As previously intimated, all Government servants will undergo examination before they are taken into service or given promotion. The Provincial Government has now decided on November 1 for the examination of magistrates, and November 10 for Government staff whether employed in the offices of the magistrates or municipal governments. Apart from the Examination Officers, who are to be appointed by the Central Government, the Provincial Government has appointed Mr. Lum Tseng-cheng and Mr. Kam Yick-chung to make all necessary preparation for the examinations.

In regard to the examination of the Government staff, the Provincial Government has already proclaimed the regulations for this and also the names of the Board of Examiners, namely, General Chan Ming-shu as Chairman, Mr. Fan Ki-mu, Mr. Tsung Chin, General Teng Yin-wa, Mr. Sun Hi-mun, Mr. Kam Yick-chung, and Mr. Lum Tseng-cheng.—Canton New Agency.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY

NEW BILL TO PROVIDE FOR MINERS

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Ben Tillet, President of the annual conference of the Trades Union Congress, stated to-day that he understood that, in accordance with the pledge given by the Premier, the Attorney General was preparing a Bill appealing for legislation relating to the Trades Unions, passed in 1926, under the Conservative Government. The principle measure of that legislation was a provision enabling an eight hour day to be worked in the mines.—British Wireless Service.

There had apparently been some misunderstanding between the sailor and the Chinese, and the latter hit "Jack" on the back of the head with "something" causing a scalp wound. Not much force was used in inflicting the wound, although it caused a certain amount of bleeding.

The Chinese has not been arrested.

Punting on the Thames at Oxford, George Arthur McCluskey, of Speedwell-street, Oxford, was killed by falling head foremost into the mud.

GUESTS OF ROYALTY

SNOWDEN'S VISIT TO SANDRINGHAM

STAYED ALL NIGHT

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and his wife went to Sandringham to-day to visit Their Majesties and spent the night there.—Reuter.

AN INFORMAL VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Snowden arrived to-day at Sandringham, where they will stay as guests of the King and Queen until to-morrow.

It is stated that the visit of the Chancellor of the Exchequer is informal, and is not in his capacity of Acting Premier.—British Wireless Service.

DIVER CAPTURED

PIRATES ASK \$60 RANSOM

A report has reached the Colony from an official source to the effect that whilst a Chinese diver was locating a lost anchor belonging to the s.s. "Kwong Fook Cheong" in a place about a quarter of a mile below First Cliffs, he was set upon by a gang of pirates.

The diver was captured, and the pirates have written to his family asking \$60 for his release.

TRADE COMMISSION

SECRETARY'S NEW POST AT SINGAPORE

CLOSED SINCE 1922

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Robert Boulter, C.M.G., the Commercial Secretary attached to the British Embassy at Tokyo, has been appointed Trade Commissioner for Singapore. The appointment will thus re-open a post which has been closed since 1922.—Reuter.

300 MILES AWAY

This last typhoon was not at any time nearer than 300 miles to Hong Kong. It kept on in its original direction, W.N.W., intensity unknown.

The notice purported to have been put up at 10.40 p.m. to-day, obviously a foolish error, but a serious one in view of the subject matter.

A master mariner told a "China Mail" man to-day that that part of the South China Sea between Hainan and Tongking had had three storms in seven days, referring to the typhoon last weekend, the one reaching Indo-China to-day, and another gale.

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NOTICES.

H.K. CRICKET LEAGUE

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Sanitary Board Room, Post Office Building (by kind permission) on FRIDAY, 6th September, at 5.15 p.m.

A. A. RUMJAHN,
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G. R.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of September, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years. PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Island Lot No. 215, Boundary No. 215, Locality, East of Island, I.C. No. 2944, Wong Nei Chung. As per sale plan, 4,900 sq. ft. 5,400 sq. ft. Upset Price.

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Island Lot No. 216, Boundary No. 216, Locality, East of Island, Middle Shuei and Boundary Street, I.C. No. 2945, Wong Nei Chung. As per sale plan, 5,053 sq. ft. 5,405 sq. ft. Upset Price.

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RIDER MAINS TO GO
Future Plans Fully Outlined

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) gave the following review of the Government's water supply policy—both with regard to the Island and Mainland developments. The Government aims at the eventual abolition of the rider main system in favour of meters in all houses.

The schemes now in hand allow expansion up to a supply of 20 million gallons a day.

Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:

For many months past our principal anxiety has been the very serious water shortage in the Colony, and especially on Hong Kong island, due to an abnormally low rainfall. This water emergency arose in spite of the fact that all the storage reservoirs of the Colony overflowed in 1928. The last dates in that year when the reservoirs on Hong Kong island stood at overflow-level were as follows:—Wong-nai-chung June 4, Pok-fu-lam June 5, Tytan Byewash June 13, Tytan June 16, Tytan-tuk July 28 and Tytan Intermediate November 17. On the mainland, in 1928, Shek-lai-pui reservoir last stood at overflow-level on September 8 and Kowloon reservoir on November 28. But the rainfall for the second half of 1928 was only 22.89 inches—the lowest ever recorded; and the rainfall from the beginning of this year to July 12 last, when the drought may be said to have ended, was only 15.76 inches, making a total of 38.65 inches during a period of a little over twelve months. The lowest rainfall ever previously recorded in this Colony for twelve consecutive months was 45.83 inches in 1895. The recent drought was, therefore, much the most severe in the Colony's history and its effect was such that on July 11, 1929, when our island reservoirs were at their lowest, the total water storage in Hong Kong was only 150 million gallons, while on June 8, 1929, when our mainland reservoirs were at their lowest, the total water storage in Kowloon was only 79 million gallons. This means that the island and mainland reservoirs were so depleted that no more than 7 per cent. and 15 per cent. respectively of their aggregate capacities remained in storage. Since July 12 we have fortunately had heavy rains and our anxieties have been somewhat relieved. But it has brought home to every resident in this Colony in an unmistakable manner that our water problem is the most pressing and the most important of our domestic problems; and it is quite clear to all of us that an adequate solution of this problem is imperative. Therefore, as a preliminary to our deliberations over next year's budget, I wish to place before you the history in brief outline of the Colony's waterworks, a description of our present position with respect to water supply, and a statement of the waterworks' policy which we intend to pursue in the near future and of the goal we aim at.

Back To 1841

The construction of residential and business premises on Hong Kong island began in March, 1841, when Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company erected the first substantial house and godowns at East Point. The mercantile centre of the Colony was at the outset in Wong-nai-chung valley and Chinese settlement began to the west of that valley. The water supply for these early settlers came from the fine mountain-stream which gives the valley its name, and which makes its way into the harbour through what is now known as the Bowrington Canal. The so-called Blue Pool in this stream provided a small storage, and it is interesting to note that during the recent water emergency this pool, which was reconstructed by the city waterworks in 1874, was again brought into use and dug out, after being completely silted up in the course of the intervening years. Moreover, even when the drought was at its worst, the Wong-nai-chung stream never failed to flow. Doubtless it was this natural water supply which attracted the first settlers to the Happy Valley.

New Territories

On April 16, 1899, the New Territories were taken over and the British flag was hoisted at Tai Po. Prior to that day the land population of British Kowloon, which, according to the 1891 census, was 19,997 souls, had drawn its water supply entirely from wells, and the only waterworks undertaken by the Hong Kong Government on Kowloon peninsula had been the construction, in 1895, of three wells, north of Yaumati, to supply 250,000 gallons a day. But from 1899 onwards increasing attention was given to schemes for storing water on the mainland. The construction of the Kowloon reservoir

and of the Kowloon waterworks gravitation scheme began in 1902 and was completed in 1910. Its storage capacity at overflow-level is 352½ million gallons, but with the sluices down an additional 32½ million gallons can be stored, making a total of 385 million gallons. Next followed, in 1925, the completion of the Shek-lai-pui reservoir, with a capacity of 116 million gallons; and meanwhile, in 1923, work began on the Shingmun valley scheme, which is still under construction, and about which I shall have more to say later on. Two small schemes on the mainland should, however, be mentioned at this point.

Gravitation System

In 1920 the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club requested Government to supply water to the links and club-houses at Fanling; and, as private residential development also had begun in the vicinity, a gravitation system was constructed to supply the district, water being obtained from a perennial stream to the west of the golf course. The distribution system now extends from Fan-ling village to Kam-tsin village and the average daily consumption this year has been about 17,000 gallons. It was further decided, in 1922, to place the Tai Po water supply on a more satisfactory basis. Prior to that year houses in the neighbourhood of Tai Po were supplied from sources of doubtful purity and Tai Po Market itself was dependent on wells. An intake has now been formed in a large stream near Tai Po; all cultivated ground above the intake has been resumed and the catchment area has been made into a forestry reserve. A 4" main has been laid and supplies Tai Po Market and other villages as well as the residential buildings in the vicinity. The daily consumption at present amounts to 40,000 gallons.

Meanwhile further storage reservoirs were also being built on Hong Kong island in the Tytan valley. The Tytan Byewash reservoir, with a capacity of 22,370,000 gallons, was completed in 1904; and the so-called Intermediate Reservoir in Tytan valley, with a capacity of 15,914,000 gallons, was completed in 1907. Work on the Tytan-tuk scheme began in 1913 and was completed on October 22, 1917. These works comprise a storage reservoir, practically at sea-level, with a capacity of 1,419 million gallons, a pumping-station capable of raising 9 million gallons a day to the Tytan Tunnel, two suction mains of 18" diameter and half a mile in length, and three rising mains of 18" diameter and 1.92 miles in length. Tytan Valley

Three more small schemes must be mentioned for the sake of completeness. In 1914 a service reservoir and two filter-beds were constructed to supply the Shau-ki-wan district with water collected from intakes in streams on the eastern slopes of Mount Parker. A supply of about 200,000 gallons a day is obtained from this source. In 1922 a balance tank was built and a 3" pipe-line, capable of yielding 75,000 gallons a day, was laid from Wong-nai-chung reservoir to serve the new development in Repulse Bay. Finally, this year, a similar pipe-line and balance tank have been built connecting the Stanley peninsula with the Tytan supply and capable of yielding nearly 100,000 gallons a day.

No further storage reservoirs have as yet been constructed in Hong Kong, and the total capacity of the six storage reservoirs built by Government on the island—namely, Pok-fu-lam, Wong-nai-chung, Tytan, Tytan Byewash, Tytan Intermediate and Tytan-tuk—is 2,118,414,000 gallons. The population of Hong Kong island cannot now be less than 600,000 souls. Thus the storage, which in 1863 was no more than 16 gallons a head, and in 1899 was only 1,972 gallons a head, is now 8,530 gallons a head.

Private Enterprise

Apart from these six storage reservoirs constructed by the Government, four reservoirs have been built on Hong Kong island by private enterprise. Three of them were constructed by Messrs. Butterfield & Swire in connection with their establishments at Quarry Bay. The first was built in 1884 and has a capacity of 11 million gallons. The second, built in 1903, has a capacity of 30 million gallons; and the third, built in 1895 and situated at the 500-foot level above North Point, has a capacity of 137.7 million gallons. There is also in the Aberdeen valley a storage reservoir constructed in 1890 by the Tai Shing Paper Manufacturing Company. Its capacity, when first built, was 44.2 million gallons. In 1902 it was found possible to maintain the full supply in four years. The trouble came to a head during the exceptional drought of 1901-2, which extended over the whole of South China and resulted in a water famine on Hong Kong island during the early part of 1902 similar to that which we experienced this year.

It became evident that action must be taken, not merely to increase, but to conserve the Colony's water storage; and it was first sought to attain the latter object by introducing universal meterage, the so-called "free supply" of water being placed very low. It was hoped that, rather than incur the expense of paying for "excess consumption," the poorer classes

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of the population would fetch their water from the street-fountains, where they could obtain as much as they required free of charge, except in so far as the payment of rates was concerned.

Universal Meterage

A bill was drafted, which provided for universal meterage, and "excess consumption" was defined in it as any quantity of water ascertained by a meter as having been used in a tenement in excess of a quarterly allowance which, at 50 cents per thousand gallons, would be equal to 1/3 per cent. of the annual rating valuation of the said tenements. Under such a system of computation, the "free" supply of water in a Chinese house inhabited by the poorer classes would, it was estimated, have been about two gallons *per capita per diem*. Experience gained in Kowloon at that time had shown that seven gallons a day was for domestic purposes enough for the poorer Chinese, when there was no waste; and it was anticipated that, rather than pay for the extra five gallons a head, occupants would give up their house services.

A bill, drafted on these lines, was read a first time in this Council, but its object was misunderstood by the Chinese. They imagined that the aim was to raise revenue, whereas the real object was to check waste. The then Chinese members of the Legislative Council represented to Government that the bill would fail in its object, as landlords, in order to make their houses attractive, would keep the water-services in them and would arrange to charge the tenants for their excess consumption by additions to the rent. The Chinese, it was urged, would be better pleased if Government took steps to attain its object by direct legislation, at the same time increasing the "free" supply to such premises as were allowed services.

Idea Abandoned

The Government thereupon abandoned the idea of universal meterage and determined to provide for the supply of water to the poorer sections of the population by means of street-fountains, a step which would have brought the distribution of water within the city into line with that then existing outside its boundaries. For the wealthier classes a supply of house services would be provided, all such services to be metered and any excess consumption above a certain allowance to be charged for. Public fountains would be opened throughout the city and all houses would be disconnected from the mains unless the owners agreed to the introduction of meters and signed an undertaking to pay for "excess consumption."

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WATER SUPPLY

(Continued from Page 3.)

A new bill was accordingly introduced into Legislative Council and passed as Ordinance No. 29 on August 12, 1902. The chief changes which it made in the law were:

(1) The enforced use of a meter in every house connected with the water service.

(2) The refilling of the daily allowance of water *per capita* from about twelve gallons a day to about five gallons a day.

(3) The increase in the price of water to be supplied by meter from 25 cents to a sum not exceeding \$1 per thousand gallons.

(4) The enforced disconnection of the existing water-service supply from every "tenement-house," i.e., every domestic building let to and inhabited by more than one occupier or family as tenants of a common landlord or sub-tenants of a tenant of any portion of such domestic building.

Chinese Dissent

The two Chinese members of Legislative Council dissented from this bill also, and a petition was presented in August, 1902, by the Chinese inhabitants and firms of Hong Kong to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, praying that the legislation just passed should be disallowed, now known as the "rider-main system," should be introduced. The grounds upon which the Chinese objected to the new legislation were that the first three changes in the law, as set out above, would entail upon the poorer classes much expense, trouble and inconvenience as regards their water supply; that there would be endless disputes between landlords and tenants, as well as between the tenants themselves who occupied different floors or parts of the same building, and also between incoming and outgoing tenants; and further that by causing the poorer classes of Chinese to use as little water as possible, cleanliness and sanitation would be greatly prejudiced. With respect to the fourth change in the law the petitioners predicted that under its operation the water-service of each and every tenement-house occupied by Chinese in the City of Victoria would be summarily cut off with a very small chance of any reconnection. Therefore, instead of the drastic measure of cutting off all water-service from tenement-houses throughout the year, the petitioners urged the adoption of a scheme suggested by Mr. Osbert Chadwick in a report on the water supply of Hong Kong, dated April 18, 1902, in which he proposed that subsidiary mains of small diameter, now known as "rider-mains," should be laid parallel to the principal mains, on one or both sides of the city streets and that the house-services should be disconnected from the principal mains and connected to the rider-mains. In this way, the town would be divided up into blocks of convenient size, the water supply to which could be turned on and off independently and in rotation. Thus the occupants of tenement-houses would get a full supply, when the reservoir storage warranted it, and the evils of the intermittent supply in time of drought would be mitigated.

provisions practically the whole of Victoria City below Kennedy-road, Caine-road and High-street, including East Point and Kennedy Town districts, has been brought within the definition of a rider-main district.

Rider-mains have been laid, and water-services to the houses in rider-main districts have been disconnected from the principal mains and connected to the rider-mains. Connections with the principal mains are granted only in cases in which special sanction is given by the Governor-in-Council, and with regard to which the owners enter into an undertaking to pay for "excess consumption."

The present method of payment for water is as follows. A rate of 2 per cent. on the assessed value of all premises, both on the island and on the mainland, is charged for water-services. In consideration for the payment of this rate a so-called "free allowance" of water is granted. This "free allowance" is calculated from the number of thousand-gallon units which the 2 per cent. rate will pay for at 40 cents a unit. Thus, if the 2 per cent. rate on a given house were ten dollars a year, the "free allowance" would be ten dollars divided by 40 cents, i.e., 25 units, i.e., 25,000 gallons a year. If, however, as in the rider-main districts, a house is not metered, the question of "free allowance" does not arise; no charge for excess consumption is made, and the supply is unlimited so long as the amount of water stored in our reservoirs permits, that is to say usually for about six months in a year. During the remaining six months, in time of water shortage, houses in the rider-main districts are often restricted to a supply of two hours a day. While in time of severe drought such as we have recently experienced, the supply even from the rider-mains is shut off and the inhabitants have to draw their water from the street-fountains. In Kowloon there are no rider-mains and all unmetred houses obtain their supplies from the street-fountains.

Excess Consumption
"Excess consumption" in metered premises is charged for at the following prices per thousand gallons:—
(a) filtered water—
Hong Kong and Kowloon: 75 cents.
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(b) unfiltered water—35 cents (Fanling \$1.00) with no free allowance. No water rates are imposed in districts supplied with unfiltered water. A higher price is charged in the Peak District, because in that district the use of filtered water from the mains for flushing closets has been permitted. Accounts are rendered quarterly and money does not reach the Treasury until some 4½ months after the first day of the quarter brought to account.

(To Be Continued.)

IN THE SERVICE
INADEQUACY OF EXISTING SALARIES
LABOUR MARKET

The report of the Salaries Commission for Hong Kong appointed to consider—the adequacy of the salary scales of officers employed by the Government of Hong Kong; the currency basis on which the salaries of officers ordinarily recruited in Britain should be quoted and paid when in the Colony and on leave, and the principles on which acting pay, charge allowances and overtime allowances should be granted, stating that the claim of employees receiving less than \$20 a month to primary consideration of their position should be necessary to fix an order of priority.

We have not overlooked the important bearing that any increase in the pay of persons of this class must have on the general labour market. We apprehend that, normally, Government which after all is spending the money of the taxpayer, should not compete with the private employer and pay wages higher than the standard rate. But this rule, must, in its application, be subject to one important limitation; that the standard rate must not be below a figure which will enable a labourer to live decently. We have throughout our enquiry considered only salary scales and have made no recommendations regarding labourers on daily wages which, in our opinion, must depend solely on the market rate. We think, after a careful consideration of the evidence of a large number of witnesses of this class, that the lowest wage paid to a labourer in Government employ should be \$12 a month although in most cases we have recommended a commencing wage of \$13 a month. This compares favourably with wages paid by private employers. In many cases men stated quite frankly that they had entered Government service because they improved their position by doing so, and they were fully alive to the advantage which greater security of continued employment gave them.

THE CADET SERVICE

PECUNIARY COMPETITION OF COLONIES

A BAD PRACTICE

In their report, the Salaries Commission for Hong Kong state: since the revision of salaries in 1920 the emoluments of the Cadet Service have been determined by means of "time scale" in so far as the junior or Class II Officers are concerned, with five posts on a higher scale of salary for senior or Class I Officers in charge of the main Departments of Government. The scales then fixed commenced with a salary of £350 per annum for an Unpassed Cadet rising to £375 on his passing his second examination in Chinese, usually after about one year's study, and to £400 per annum on passing his fourth and final examination after a further year. Thereafter his salary rose by two annual increments of £25 and fifteen annual increments of £50 to £1,200 per annum with two "efficiency bars" at £600 and £900 per annum. The first senior posts carried salaries of £1,250 rising by annual increments of £25 to £1,500. An alteration of these salaries affecting the lower half of the time scale was approved by the Secretary of State, (Telegram of July 9, 1928) "subject to review by proposed Salaries Commission." As from January 1, 1929, therefore, the initial salary of an Unpassed Cadet became £375 per annum rising to £400 on passing his second examination and to £440 on passing his final examination in Chinese; thereafter rising by nine annual increments of £50 and 8 annual increments of £50 to £1,200 per annum. The two scales coincide on and after the 12th year of service at the salary of £800.

Suitable Recruits
We understand that considerable difficulty has been experienced latterly in obtaining suitable recruits in England for the Cadet Service. In the Malayan Salaries Commission Report (1920) examination is called to the difficulties experienced by the Malayan Government in obtaining recruits for its Cadet service and to the fact that the service under the Government of Hong Kong was being given clear preference over that of Malaya presumably as the result of better financial terms offered by the former Government. In the last two or three years this preference has been transferred to Malaya, and it is now the Government of Hong Kong which finds it difficult to obtain recruits for its Cadet service. Only two Cadets were selected from the Canadiads at the 1926 examination although we understand three posts were offered, and only two on the results of the 1927 examination although provision for four new cadets was considered to be the minimum necessary. In 1928 six appointments were made, probably, as a result of the concessions granted by the revision of the time scale and the addition of the percentage increase to salaries. We have carefully considered the salaries paid in the Cadet Services of Ceylon and Malaya, and have given careful attention to the consideration that the Cadet Service of Hong Kong is a small one, that Senior posts to which its members can aspire are not numerous, and that a cadet who selects Hong Kong will in the great majority of cases spend his official life there. But we deprecate strongly any pecuniary competi-

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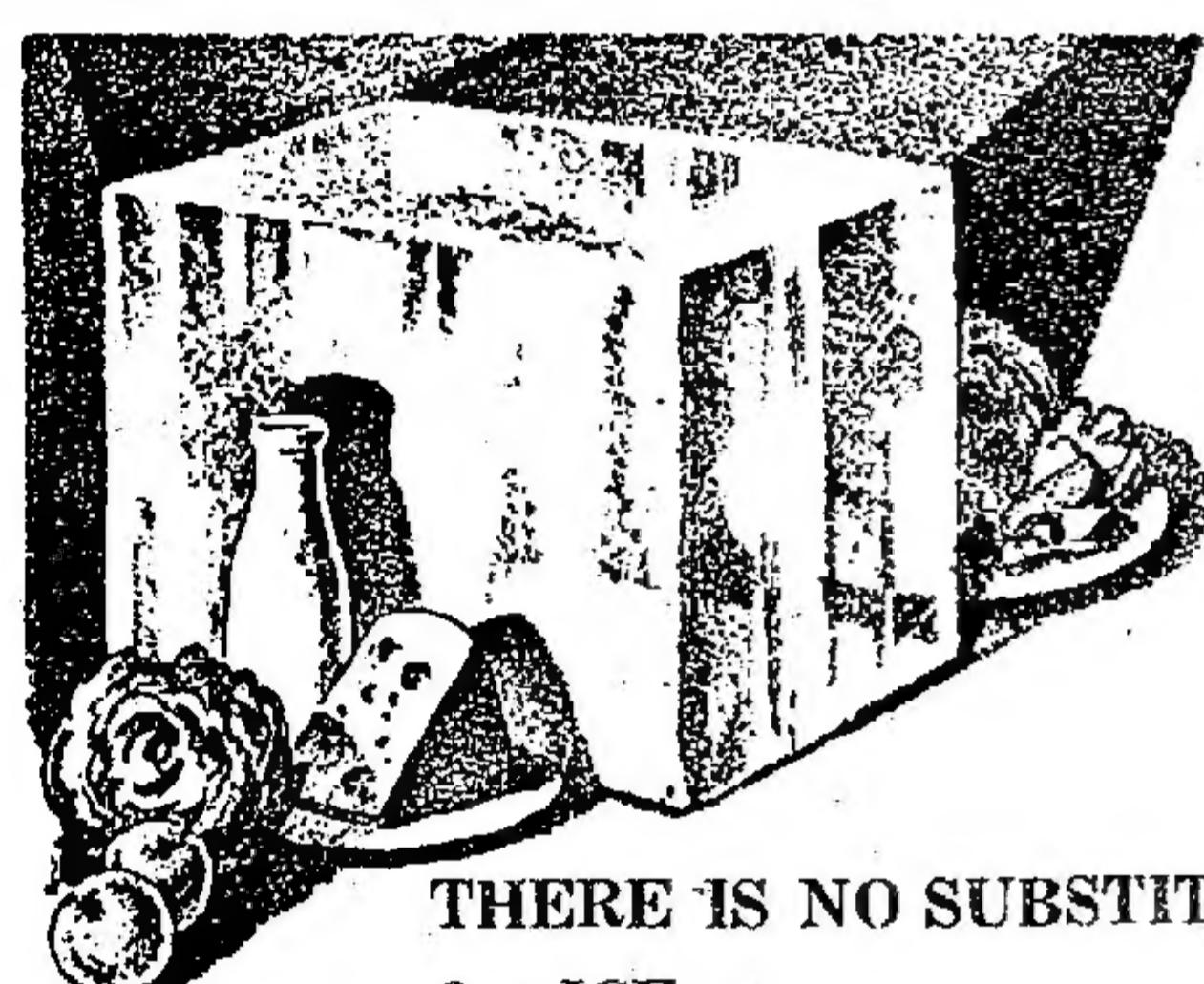
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COUNCIL QUERIES

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON

OFFICIAL REPLIES

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked:

1. Will the Honourable Colonial Secretary state what representations, if any, have been received by the Government from the Hong Kong Automobile Association, or any other organization in the Colony, in connection with the new parking arrangements for motor-cycles near the "Star" Ferry Wharf at Kowloon Point?
2. Has attention been given by the Traffic Department to the repeated complaints appearing in letters to the newspapers against the unsatisfactory nature of the arrangements?
3. What steps is the Government taking:

(a) to improve the recent innovation that is causing so much inconvenience to motor-cyclists at Kowloon;

(b) and when will any needed improvement be effected?

Answers:

1. No representations have been received.

2. The Traffic Department has taken

note of certain letters which appeared in the local Press. 3(a) & (b).

The matter is under consideration and as at present advised the Government considers that it will be necessary to prohibit the leaving of unattended motor-cars and motor-cycles within the congested areas at Tsim Sha Tsui point.

Homunlin Water

The Hon. Mr. Braga asked:

1. Regarding a petition to Government from residents of the Homunlin district for a water-carriage system that must ultimately become an imperative necessity, from a public health point of view, on account of the steady growth of the Homunlin District?
2. The petition referred to was addressed to the Director of Public Works. The estimated cost of constructing a sewerage system to deal only with the Homunlin district and to discharge north of the Harbour of Refuge is \$50,000.

3. The scheme herein suggested has already been explored, and has been found impracticable on account of

3. No scheme for dealing with the Homunlin district alone is found to satisfy engineering and economic con-

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PRESS IN CHINA

"IMPARTIAL BUT NOT NEUTRAL"

The "China Critic" of August 22 publishes the following:

Commenting on the recent action taken by the National Government toward the "North China Daily News" and certain foreign correspondents in China, the "New York Herald Tribune," in an editorial on July 9, draws attention to the fact that the operation of extraterritoriality puts the Chinese Government at a peculiar disadvantage. "A foreign newspaper man in China," states the journal, "has an irresponsible immunity from prosecution which neither his Chinese colleague nor the foreign commenter in other countries enjoys. He is not subject to Chinese law, and can be prosecuted in courts of his own nationality only. If he lives in the legation quarter in Peking or in one of the foreign settlements in Shanghai he lives in a foreign land, completely under foreign jurisdiction. Yet he is likely to take an active part in Chinese politics. It is inconceivable that an American or English newspaper on the European continent, for instance, should carry on a persistent and bitter war against a European government such as the British-owned "North China Daily News" has waged against the Nationalist Government from its inception."

Continuing the "Herald Tribune" says: "The North China" began by belittling the Nationalists and has continued to magnify every revolt against them and every failure within their ranks. One at least of the proscribed journalists is suspected of having been a participant in conspiracy to overthrow Nanking. His sincerity may be above suspicion; but it seems hardly fair that as a foreigner he should continue to enjoy an immunity which his Chinese associates cannot share. Some of the journalists have been guilty merely of over-skepticism of Nationalist stability, so much so that one may well believe that some offices had begun to be skeptical of their capacity as prophets. Unfortunately, the action of the Chinese government suggests rather the suspicion that they have already ferreted out unpopular truths."

Considering the date of this editorial, it is to be presumed with reason that its writer had a chance to read "China's Attempt to Muzzle the Foreign Press" before the foregoing remarks were made. The title quoted is that of a pamphlet published and assiduously broadcast by the "North China Daily News." Compared with "China in the Grip of the Reds" and "China Bolshevikized," this pamphlet is but a mild phase of the great stupidity to impose half-truths on the public. The first mentioned is a reprint of articles featured by the "North China" and written by one of its correspondents whose present address is the Amoy Road jail. During trial on charges of fraud and forgery, the author admitted that the articles were prepared under the instruction of the British secret service and included many things that were not true. Interest in this great work of deception has recently been revived, but unfortunately the book is suddenly "out of print." "China, Bolshevikized," written by a missionary who had ventured into the field of commercial advertising, is likewise a reprint of articles first serially published in the "North China Daily News." It, too, won for its author some notoriety. "China's Attempt to Muzzle the Foreign Press" is no doubt but a mild follow-up, but judging from the comments quoted above it can hardly stop the thinking public from detecting the North China's perversion of the laudable phrase "imperial but not neutral." Sure enough, it is an impossible task to deceive all people at all times.

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TAIPO TRESPASS

TWO SUMMONSES AGAINST MR. BRAYFIELD

AN OLD FEUD ALLEGED

The administration shall make and maintain for the accommodation of the owners and occupiers of lands adjoining any railway—

(1) convenient crossings, bridges, arches, culverts, and passages over, under, or by the sides of the land, leading to or from such railway for the purpose of making and any interruptions caused by the railway to the use of the lands through which such railway is made; and"

The foregoing, being a part of section 11 of Ordinance No. 21 of 1909 (the Railways Ordinance) was relied on by the defence yesterday during the hearing of a summons against Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, a resident of Taipo, taken out by Mr. Robert Baker, M.Inst.C.E., Manager and Chief Engineer, Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section).

Mr. J. A. Fraser, M.C. (Stipendiary) Police Magistrate in the New Territories (North), heard the case at the Court in the Taipo Land Office.

There were two summonses as follows:

"On August 23, did wilfully ride or lead a horse alongside the railway, contrary to section 51 of the Railways Ordinance, and

"On August 25, did wilfully damage a padlock belonging to the Railway, contrary to section 56."

Mr. Prior pleaded "not guilty" to both charges. After evidence had been heard and both sides had argued, his Worship convicted on the first summons and discharged Mr. Brayfield on the second summons, finding that the damage was very slight and not proven. For the first offence, a fine of \$10 was imposed. In view of its dangerous nature, his Worship added, he bound Mr. Brayfield over in a sum of \$100 not to do the same thing for a year.

Evidence of Trespass

Pan Kam-fok, booking clerk of the Taipo station of the Railway, was the only witness called by Mr. Baker to prove the first charge. Mr. Baker desired to read, or quote from, a report sent to the Traffic Manager, but this was ruled out by his Worship.

Witness then said that at 6:35 a.m. on August 23, his attention was drawn to the railway line. He saw Mr. Brayfield leading a horse, approaching him along the middle path between the two tracks. Mr. Brayfield reached the platform, mounted and rode towards the sea. About 20 minutes later, Mr. Brayfield returned on horseback by the way he had gone, came into the station and went outside by the wooden gate to the road.

Abuse of the Court

Before cross-examining, Mr. Prior said that he was surprised that Mr. Baker was not going into the witness box. The case for the defence was very simple. It was based on two points and he, Mr. Prior, submitted that there was no merit in either summons.

His Worship said that this could be discussed later.

Mr. Prior replied that he desired to cross-examine Mr. Baker.

There must be a right of way, he argued, which it is the duty of the railway administration to provide.

After his Worship had intimated to Mr. Prior that the defence could not choose the way in which the prosecution was conducted, Mr. Prior quoted from Stone's "Justice's Manual" and argued that he could call Mr. Baker, adding "the summonses are an abuse of your Worship's Court."

The Magistrate: I don't think you are entitled to say that yet.

Ownership of Pier

Reference was made to several cases of very serious damage to the Railway by cattle; and Mr. Baker announced that there were no special circumstances in the case. He was trying, he said, to prevent trespassing.

Mr. Prior then read the section of the Railways Ordinance mentioned. He pointed out that on the other side of the railway to Mr. Brayfield's house is a public pier which, Mr. Prior said, had been maintained by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Baker denied that the pier belonged to the P.W.D. and subsequently produced notices to show that it was the private property of the Railway.

To Amuse Boy Scouts

In regard to the pier, his Worship asked what it had to do with Mr. Brayfield's horse.

Mr. Prior: How was he to get his horse to the pier?

The Magistrate: Why does he want to get it there?

Mr. Prior: For any lawful purpose. On one occasion he wanted to amuse some Boy Scouts by showing them how his horse could swim. It is up to the Railway to provide a route through the station to the pier.

Further, Mr. Prior alleged that the shore was also a public shore. "Mr. Baker puts obstacles in the way, apparently without rhyme and reason."

"If I wanted to get to the pier," his Worship said, "I should go by the road through the station."

Long Standing Feud

"This extraordinary summons has been taken out simply for personal reasons, in the furtherance of a long standing (what I may call) feud. It was early in the morning and there were no trains, and no question of trouble or a nuisance . . . I call Mr. Baker."

Mr. Prior continued.

Mr. Baker declined to give evidence unless he was legally represented. His Worship announced that Mr. Baker was entitled to notice. Mr. Prior thereupon applied for a subpoena. "Isn't he entitled to reasonable notice?" his Worship asked.

Mr. Prior then read section 15 (sub-section 1) of Ordinance No. 3 of 1890 (the Magistrates Ordinance) as follows:

". . . if he (the defendant) does not admit the truth of the complaint or information . . . then the magistrate shall proceed to hear upon oath the complainant or informant . . . and such witnesses as may be produced . . ."

Must Give Evidence

Mr. Prior decided the point in favour of the defence, adding "I am afraid that is the case, Mr. Baker."

Mr. Baker: Very good, sir, but I am entitled to obtain legal assistance.

The Magistrate: I see no reason why you shouldn't go into the box.

Prior to this, his Worship had suggested that Mr. Baker appeared as prosecutor or as representative of the Railway and could not, therefore, be called. Mr. Prior argued that he, as the Manager, could not, as counsel could, "represent" the Railway; and that the complainant mentioned in the summons was the manager. As complainant, he was liable to be called.

Mr. Baker in the Box

Mr. Prior (to Mr. Baker, on oath): What was the purpose of you taking out this summons?—In order to prevent trespass by cattle on the line.

So then cattle are a danger to passing railway traffic?—They are.

Do you think that Mr. Brayfield in this case was a danger to passing traffic?—No.

I put it to you that this summons was taken out in furtherance of a private feud between you and Mr. Brayfield, and for no other purpose?—That is not correct.

You know that Mr. Brayfield has been in the habit of riding his horse along the line for some time?—We have had to clean up after them. We have had to take away the bodies of cattle.

Do you think that there is any danger of Mr. Brayfield or his horse becoming bodies?—I do.

Through a locomotive?—Yes.

Up to a short time ago there were railings to the seaward side of Taipo Station?—Yes.

Those railings have been removed?—Yes, because they were rotten. They were made of iron. I did not put them there and to my mind they served no useful purpose.

Were they dangerous?—They were falling down, they were rotting through.

They have not been replaced?—Not yet.

A short time ago it was possible for a person to cross the line from Mr. Brayfield's house to the pier?—Yes.

Lately all those gates have been locked?—Two gates belonging to the railway buildings have been locked. There are several other passages.

It would be almost impossible to take a horse along one of those passages?—Yes, but cattle do get down.

Mr. Prior also asked Mr. Baker if he had cut off Mr. Brayfield's water supply some time ago, but Mr. Baker refused to answer that question.

His Worship upheld him on the ground that it had nothing to do with the case.

Access by Trespass

Mr. Prior: My case is that Mr. Baker is using his position of authority and the process of this Court for his own purposes.

Mr. Baker: Which I deny.

Mr. Prior (to Mr. Baker): How can Mr. Brayfield get his horse to the pier?—He's not supposed to. The pier's not built for that.

Suppose he keeps pigs, can he take them to the pier?—For transhipping them, yes. There is a fence for that.

Payable to whom?—To the railway.

Mr. Baker produced documents to show that the pier is the property of the Railway. The pier and the land have been debited to the capital cost of the Railway.

Mr. Prior: There is no public crossing at Taipo?—There is.

Explain to me?—By trespassing.

Permission is given by your agents for people to do so?—Yes.

Isn't it reasonable that if people can get permission to walk along there, Mr. Brayfield can get permission to ride along there?—No, it's against orders.

So is walking?—There are notices forbidding people to ride along there.

Like a Rat in Trap

In reply to the second summons, Mr. Prior said that Mr. Brayfield "most strenuously denies he damaged the padlock."

Evidenced for complainant was given by Kong Mok (watchman)

and the booking clerk who had already testified in the first case.

At one stage, the Magistrate asked if a trap had been laid on the night of August 25 and Mr. Baker agreed that one had, in order to find out who had been breaking padlocks recently.

One of the witnesses said that Mr. Brayfield, after replacing a padlock on the gate in question, climbed over another (iron) gate.

To this, his Worship remarked to Mr. Brayfield that he must have been very active at that time.

Mr. Brayfield replied softly, from his seat. "I was like a rat in a trap."

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Mr. Prior submitted that there was no proof that Mr. Brayfield had damaged the padlock and the exhibit in Court did not appear to have been damaged.

His Worship decided that there was a case to answer. Mr. Prior then called Mr. H. A. Rodgers, of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., who was Mr. Brayfield's guest on the evening of August 25 and followed Mr. Brayfield, at a distance, through the gate.

Mr. Brayfield also gave evidence. He remarked, in the witness box that the exhibit was a very cheap piece of machinery and a very poor type of lock even for the dimensions of the exhibit, also that there was a Chinese character on the exhibit and that this might read "40 cents a dozen." (Laughter.)

Argument

Mr. Prior quoted Halsbury for the construction to be placed upon "any other matter or thing belonging to the railway" in section 56 of the Ordinance. He argued that this phrase did not include a padlock and, he asked "Is a padlock a part of a railway station?"

He also submitted that it is natural for a person to pull at a lock on a gate, hoping that it is only shut to and not locked, and pointed out that the lock came off in Mr. Brayfield's hands. His Worship observed that Mr. Brayfield had admitted pulling twice.

Mr. Baker submitted, in his reply, that some misunderstanding appeared to exist with regard to railway property. The railway had bought it from the Government and it was private land. The railway was entitled to lock its gates if it wished. Other stations like Kowloon (and elsewhere) were locked and no one even noticed it. Only a few years ago, the railway had watchmen at every station.

Inciting Others

Mr. Brayfield, continued Mr. Baker, was an educated man. The railway would not think so badly of the offence if it were committed by an ignorant person.

His Worship, giving his decision, said he could not find any reason why Mr. Brayfield should ride along the railway. It had been stated that he had gone along to see some Boy Scouts but that was not sufficient.

And his doing so would incite others to do the same. He convicted on the first charge but found Mr. Brayfield not guilty of the second. The fine and bond were as stated.

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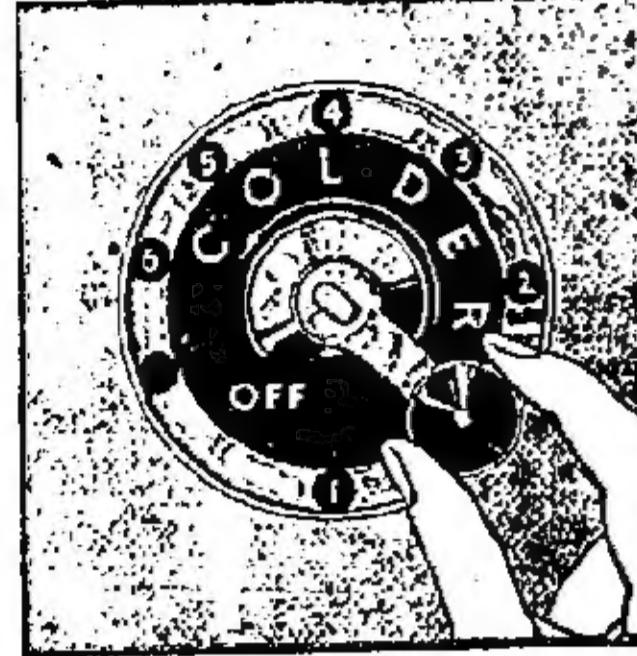
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COUNCIL TOPICS

SHING MUN VALLEY WATER SCHEME

HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

Speaking at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday the Colonial Secretary said:

In rising to move the next motion standing in my name I would ask Hon. Members to look at the two following motions as my remarks will apply in general to all three motions.

As Hon. Members are aware the second portion of the Public Works (1927) Loan was raised at the end of last year. Up to that point our expenditure on loan works had been somewhat complicated though the various steps had been taken with the full concurrence of the Council. We commenced the works out of surplus balances and in 1927 we raised a portion of the loan, financing the works partly from loan, partly from Surplus Balances and partly from contributions from the Wharf and Godown Company and from the Imperial Government. On raising the second portion of the loan in 1928 we reimbursed our Surplus Balances and financed the work from Loan Funds and the contributions referred to so far as we could. Now we have reached the stage when, pending the raising of a further loan we are obliged to draw on our Surplus Balances again.

The question of the size and date of the future loan and of the currency in which it should be issued are at present under consideration.

The position as it now stands is set out in the Appendices VI, VII, and VIII of the Draft Estimates for 1930, and this and the two following motions are for the purpose of clarifying the position and of obtaining the Council's formal approval of the allocation of the sums set out in the schedule and in particular the Council's approval of the expenditure of the sums required from Surplus Balances during the current year and during 1930. Of the works themselves I think it is hardly necessary for me to speak, for they have all been explained fully to the Council from time to time and have received the Council's approval. The Waterworks with which alone the first resolution is concerned have moreover been fully dealt with by Your Excellency in your address this afternoon. It will be seen that we do not require to draw on our Surplus Balances for the Shing Mun Scheme until next year.

I now move:—

(a) That this Council approves the construction of the works connected with the Shing Mun Valley Water Supply Scheme as set out in Appendix VI (a), Head 1, Sub-Head 1, of the draft Estimates of expenditure for 1930 at an estimated cost of \$4,158,509.40.

(b) That this Council approves of a sum of \$3,500,000 out of the said sum of \$4,158,509.40 being charged to the Public Works (1927) Loan, and further sanctions the expenditure of \$2,221,876.42 actually incurred up to December 31, 1928, the expenditure of \$1,182,274.10 estimated to be incurred during the financial year 1929 and the expenditure of \$95,849.39 estimated to be incurred during the financial year 1930, which three last mentioned sums amount in all to the aforesaid sum of \$3,560,000.

(c) That this Council approves the expenditure of a further sum of \$1,080,228.74 from loan funds during the financial year 1928.

(c) That this Council authorises in respect of this work an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony of the sum of \$78,114.17 in the financial year 1928, of the sum of \$465,000.00 in the financial year 1929, and of the sum of \$249,500.00 in the financial year 1930 of which sums \$297,000.00 is due to be recovered from His Majesty's Government and the balance shall be met from a future loan.

Aberdeen

Hon. Members will, no doubt, remember that on May 2 last they approved the undertaking of the Aberdeen Water Scheme at an estimated cost of \$2,702,000 and the expenditure of a sum of \$550,000 during the current year. The work is in progress and I have now to ask the Council to approve the appropriation of a further sum of \$1,000,000 to continue the work next year. The scheme is well known to all Hon. Members and needs, I think, no further explanation from me. I therefore move:—

That this Council approves the expenditure of a sum of \$419,711.26 on Harbour Development as set out in Appendix VI, (a), Head 2, Sub-head 1, of the draft Estimates of expenditure for the year 1930 and authorises this sum to be charged to the Public Works (1927) Loan, and further sanctions the expenditure out of this sum of \$403,729.63 actually incurred to December 31, 1928, and of the sum of \$16,041.58 estimated to be incurred in the financial year 1929.

Aerodrome

As regards the Aerodrome I regret to have to inform the Council that this Government has been unable to induce the Imperial Government to increase its contribution beyond the \$10,000 already promised. The greater part of the cost of the Aerodrome, therefore, falls to be borne by Colonial Funds and the amount originally provided in the Loan in the expectation of a larger contribution from the Home Government has proved inadequate. The completion of the Aerodrome will ultimately involve buildings of considerable extent if air services develop as we expect them to develop, will be a liability on the future loan. Meanwhile we are completing the reclamation and proceeding cautiously as regards any buildings but even so it is necessary to ask for this Council's approval of an expenditure of \$465,000 this year and \$249,500 next year from the surplus balances of the Colony to be reimbursed from a loan to be raised at a future date.

I move:—

(a) That this Council approves the construction of the Kai Tak Aerodrome at an estimated total cost of \$1,689,467, exclusive of contributions from His Majesty's Government, as set out in Appendix VI, (a), Head 2, Sub-head 2, of the draft Estimates of expenditure of the year 1930.

(b) That this Council authorises the sum of \$1,080,228.74 out of the said sum of \$1,689,467 to be charged to the Public Works (1927) Loan and same

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—British Wireless Service

tions the expenditure of this sum of \$1,080,228.74 from loan funds during the financial year 1928.

(c) That this Council authorises in respect of this work an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony of the sum of \$78,114.17 in the financial year 1928, of the sum of \$465,000.00 in the financial year 1929, and of the sum of \$249,500.00 in the financial year 1930 of which sums \$297,000.00 is due to be recovered from His Majesty's Government and the balance shall be met from a future loan.

Aberdeen

Hon. Members will, no doubt, remember

that on May 2 last they approved

the undertaking of the Aberdeen Water

Scheme at an estimated cost of

\$2,702,000 and the expenditure of a

sum of \$550,000 during the current

year. The work is in progress and I

have now to ask the Council to ap-

prove the appropriation of a further

sum of \$1,000,000 to continue the work

next year. The scheme is well known

to all Hon. Members and needs, I

think, no further explanation from me.

I therefore move:—

That this Council approves the ex-

penditure of a sum of \$419,711.26 on

Harbour Development as set out in

Appendix VI, (a), Head 2, Sub-head 1,

of the draft Estimates of Expenditure

for the year 1930 and authorises this

sum to be charged to the Public Works

(1927) Loan and same

to be met from a future loan.

Aberdeen

As regards the Aerodrome I regret

to have to inform the Council that this

Government has been

Sport Columns

ATHLETIC MEETING

THREE-DAY CONTESTS OPEN TO-DAY AT NORTH POINT

THE TROPHIES

The first effort of its kind in the Colony—a three-day athletic and aquatic contests—will commence this afternoon at a specially built stadium at North Point. The sports are held under the aegis of the Chinese Athletic Association, and Chinese sportsmen have been invited from Canton, Shanghai and Singapore.

The trophies, which are on show at The Sun Company, are donated by the proprietor of the famous "Tiger" patent medicines.

They are all of massive silverware, and the array of beautiful and costly prizes occupy the whole of the front show window of the Sun Company. They baffle description. There are two huge silver shields, with raised figures, and there are large silver figures of men playing football, tennis, volleyball and cricket. Massive silver footballs, tennis balls and cricket balls, together with numerous cups and medals, go to make up the complete list.

The Programme
The programme for the C.A.A.'s first athletic meeting is as follows:—

FIRST DAY (TO-DAY)

Track, Field & Volley Ball

2.00 p.m. Flat Race 100 m. (Heat).
15 " Pole Jump (Heat).
2.30 " Flat Race 200 m. (Heat).
Long Jump (Final).
Lion Exhibition (N.M.A.).
3.00 " Flat Race 1,500 metres (Final).
15 " High Jump (Heat).
3.45 " High Hurdle (Heat).
4.00 " Volley Ball (C.A.A. vis. U.S.A.).
4.45 " Team Race.
Swimming & Water Polo 8.00 p.m. 50 metres Free Style (heat).
20 " 200 metres Breast Stroke (heat).
8.50 " 400 metres Free Style (heat).
9.20 " Ladies' Free Style (heat).
40 " 200 m. Free Style (heat).
10.00 " 100 m. Free Style (heat).
10.15 " 100 m. Free Style (open) (heat).
30 " Water Polo (S.C.A. vis. F.K.A.)

SECOND DAY (TO-MORROW)

Track & Field Competition

2.00 p.m. Flat Race 100 m.
15 " Pole Jump (Final).
45 " Flat Race 200 m. (Final).
Chinese Boxing Exhibition (C.M.A.).
Basket Ball Match.
3.15 " Throwing the Discus (Final).
Lion Exhibition (N.M.A.).
3.30 " High Hurdle (Final).
45 " Flat Race 800 m. (Final).
4.00 " Low Hurdle (Heat).
Volley Ball (T.K.A. vis. Y.S.A.).
4.15 " Open Team Race, 1,600 m. (Final).
30 " Foot Ball Exhibition (C.A.A. vis. S.L.I.F.).
Swimming Water Polo Competition 8.00 p.m. 50 metre Free style (Semi-final).
15 " 200 metres Breast Stroke.
30 " 100 metres Free Style (Semi-final).
45 " 100 metres Back Stroke (Heat).
9.00 " 100 metres Free Style (Open)—Final.
Fancy Dive.
45 " 200 metres Free Style (Final).
10.00 " Team Race (Final).
20 " Water Polo (Singapore team via T.S.A.).

THIRD DAY—SUNDAY

Finals

Track, Field and Football Competition

10.00 a.m. Flat Race, 100 metres.
10.15 " Throwing the Discus.
30 " Flat Race, 400 metres.
Basket Ball.
Long Jump.
11.00 " Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Display.

HOME RACING

FINAL ACCEPTANCES FOR CLASSIC RACE

THE ST. LEGER

London, Yesterday.
The final acceptances for the St. Leger race are as follows:—
Cavendo, Penny Come Quick, Trigo, Hotwood, Bosworth, Totalisator, Posterior, Haste Away, Lemon-tree, Mr. Jinks, Tom Pear Tree, Horus, Fons Pertuis, Engarde, Brienz, Cuttlefish, and Defoe.—Reuter.

Trigo won the Derby this year.

LATEST QUOTATIONS

Mr. Frank Haytor's latest quotations are:—
4.1 Hotwood.
8. Penny Come Quick.
8.1 Trigo.
10.1 Posterior.
10.1 Brienz.
14.1 Haste Away.
18.1 Tom Pear Tree.
20.1 Defoe.
20.1 Bosworth.
20.1 En Garde.
20.1 Cavendo.
30.1 Lemon-car.
33.1 Totalisator.
33.1 Horus.
50.1 Cuttlefish.
66.1 Fons Pertuis (?).
100.6 Mr. Jinks.

TOLLEY BEATEN

ANOTHER SURPRISE IN U.S. GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

A "WILLING" WIN

Del Monte (California), Yesterday.
In the third round of the American amateur golf championship, Dr. William Tolley, by 4 up, 3 to play—Reuter.

In yesterday's play Tolley defeated Eddie Held, the Canadian amateur champion, by 7 up, 6 to play. The championship is being played on the Pebble Beach course, Del Monte, California.

FOOTBALL

TWO SOUTHERN LEAGUE MATCHES

SWINDON'S NARROW VICTORY

London, Yesterday.
On a Southern League match today Newport County defeated Swindon 2-1, and Queen's Park drew with Walsall, two goals each.—Reuter.

FOOTBALL

CHURCH WORKERS & MALAYAN CLIMATE

THE LADY IN ERMINES

Corinne Griffith, otherwise Corinne Griffith, is completing plans to remake her silent picture of other days into a talkie. "Lilies of the Field" will be another of Corinne's Field.

FOOTBALL

ARRIVALS

FOOTBALL

World News In Pictures

His Party's Choice



Representative Fiorello H. La Guardia is to be the regular Republican candidate for the Mayor's job in New York City. He was chosen to lead the ticket by 1,500 delegates from all sections of the city.

Endurance Mania



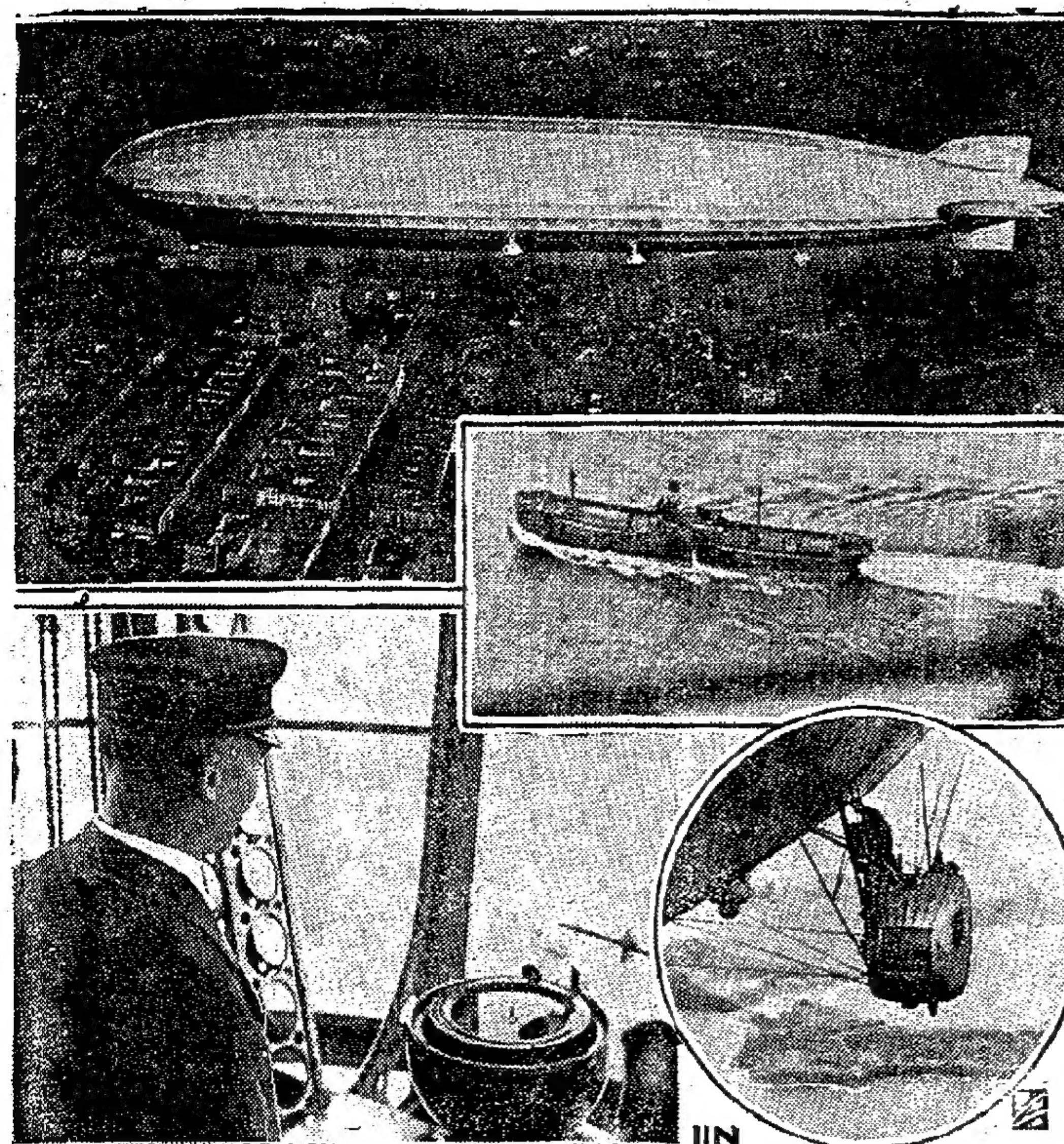
Ruth Wells Barron of Rochester, N.Y., is the latest aviatrix who will try to beat Elinor Smith's record of 29 hours.

New Game For Bobby



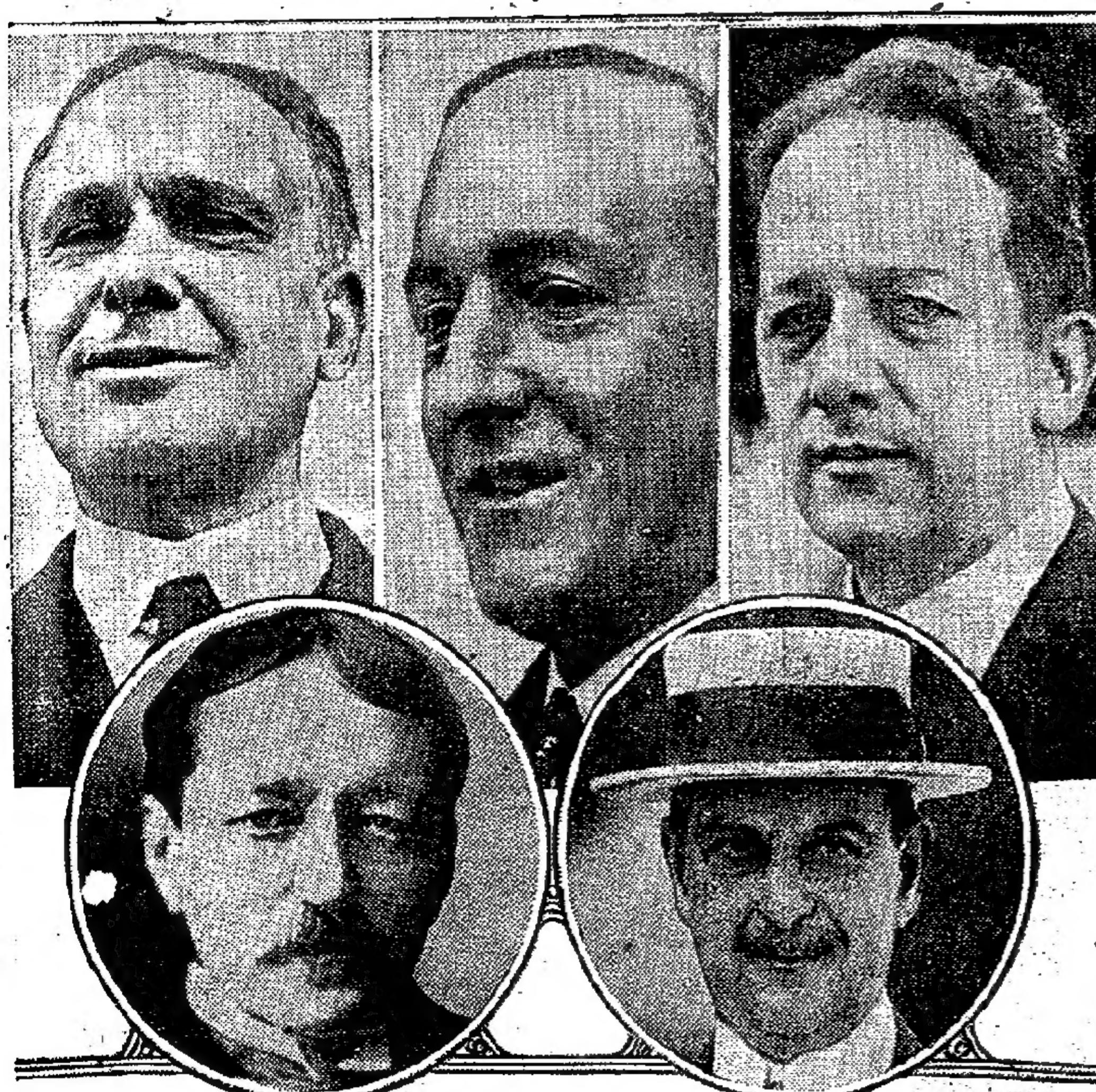
If Bobby Jones, top, plays his political cards as well as he can handle his golf clubs, he will be the man to succeed the late Representative L. V. Stokle, of Atlanta, Ga., and Miss Georgia Brown, who has announced her candidacy for the job will not have a chance.

Zeppelin Dodges Ocean Storms



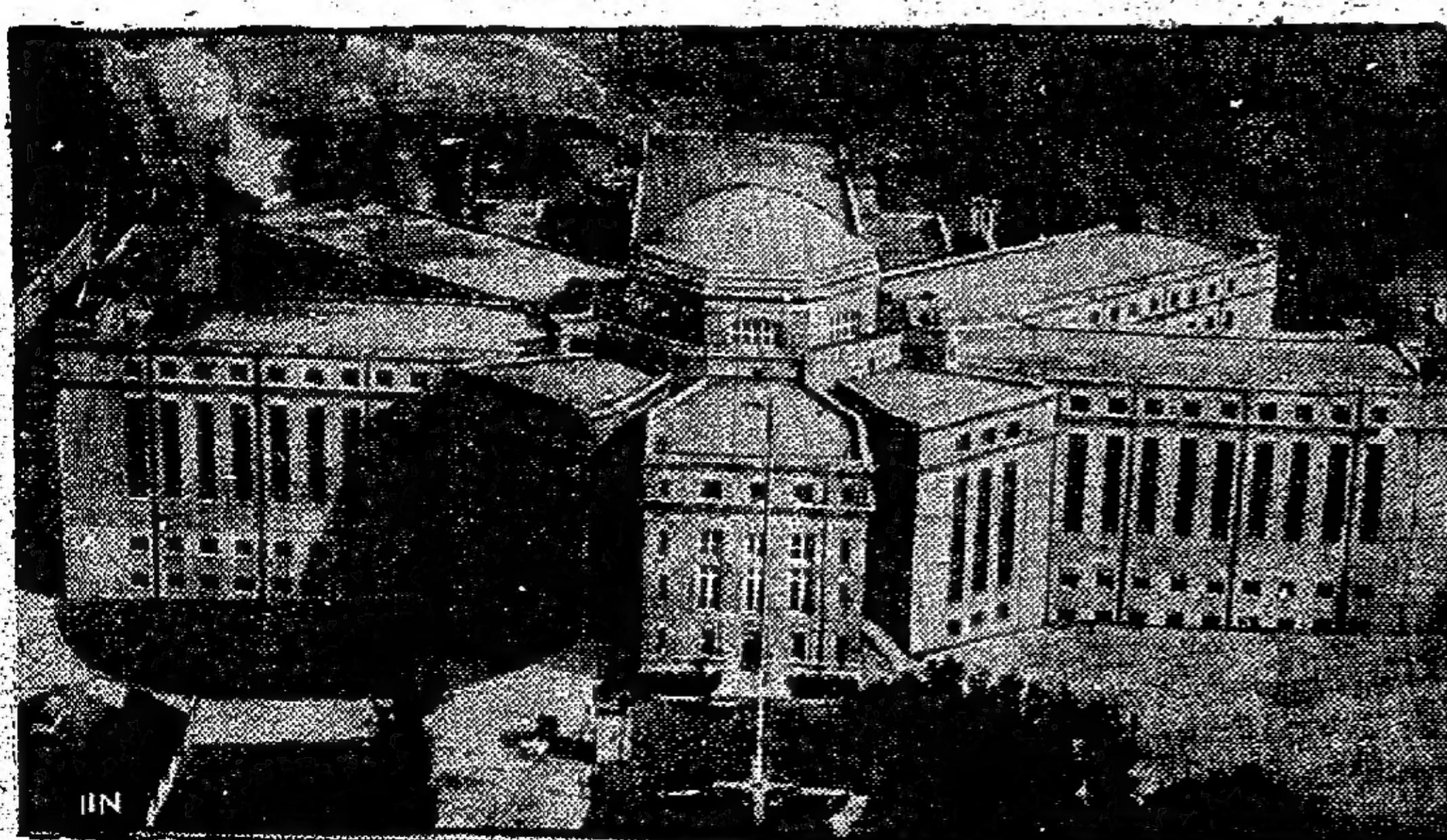
The flight of the "Graf Zeppelin" over the Atlantic to New York on the first leg of her world tour. The "Graf" is shown at top in flight, while, left, is an inside view of her control room during her trans-Atlantic voyage. Centre, right, shows a ship over which the giant craft passed in the middle of the ocean. Below, right, shows one of the forward motor fuselages taken from the one immediately aft while Zep was in flight.

Coolidge Men Will Probably Go



Of the fourteen Ambassadors who served under Coolidge, only five are expected to remain at their posts. Among those whose resignations will probably be accepted by President Hoover are Jacob Gould Schurman, left, above, United States Ambassador to Germany; Noble Brandon Judah of Illinois, centre, Ambassador to Cuba; William S. Culbertson of Kansas, right, above, Ambassador to Chile; Charles MacVeagh of New York, left, below, Ambassador to Japan, and Ogden H. Hammond of New Jersey, right, below, Ambassador to Spain.

Kansas Prison Riot



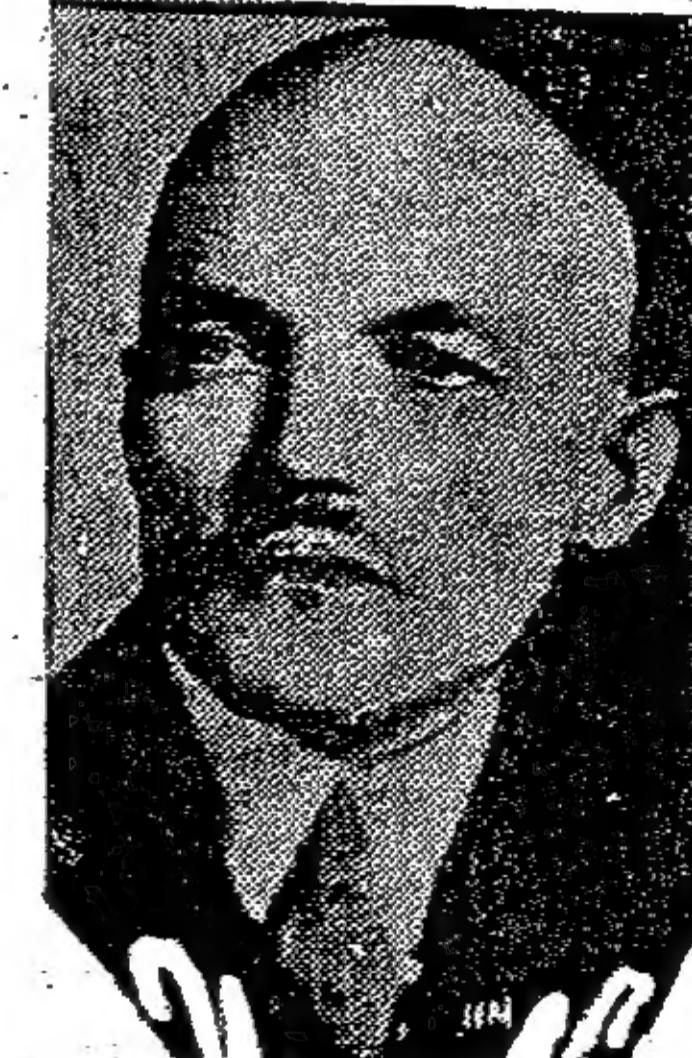
The third in a series of prison riots occurred at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, an air view of which is shown here, where one prisoner was killed and several injured in a riot which broke out while the inmates were at their noon meal. Evidently, food and too much discipline were the causes and when the convicts sat down to a meal of Spanish rice for the "thousandth time," rebellion stirred within them and first one complained, then another, until a general riot began, with dynamite explosions which rapidly turned into an inferno. After several hours' battle with the mutineers, prison officers finally cornered them in one cell-block and compelled them to surrender.

Wins Edison Contest



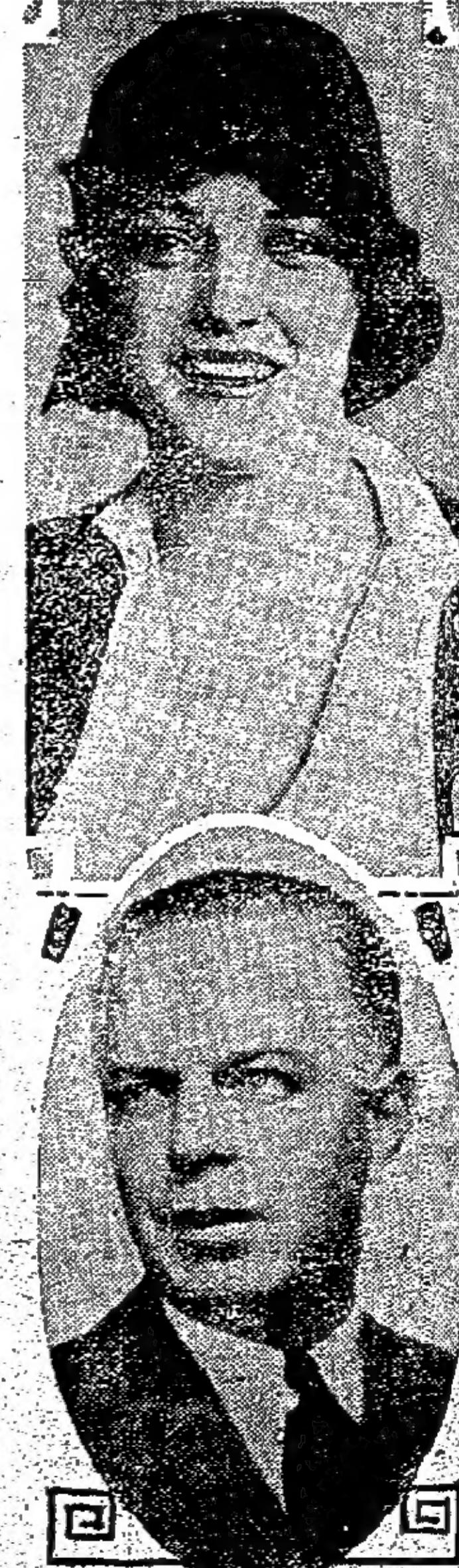
Wilbur B. Huston, of Seattle, won the Edison Contest in competition with youths from every State in the Union at the Edison plant, West Orange, N.J. Upon completing the college education, he will receive an engineering in mechanics,objection under Edison's guidance, he will be launched upon a career sponsored by the wizard of electricity, to see if he can be developed to succeed the inventor in carrying out some of the great work he has planned.

Great Plane His Work



Possibly the greatest contribution to the advancement of aircraft is attributable to Dr. Dornier, above, designer and builder of the giant D.O.X. 100 passenger plane which is making aviation history in tests on Lake Constance, Italy. The fact that the plane is to be tried in a trans-Atlantic flight gives credit to the rumour that the regular cross ocean service may be inaugurated with the air monster.

Another For Cupid



Film circles, where rumours start almost before the ones concerned know it, themselves, are saying that the writing is on the wall for Ruth Elmer, last trans-Atlantic aviatrix, and Hoot Gibson, cowboy flier star. Mrs. Hoot Gibson, divorced wife of Hoot, has made known her intention to marry a wealthy Honolulu plantation owner.

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VOLUNTEER CORPS
ORDERS FOR THE ENSUING
WEEK

MACHINE GUN FIRING

The following orders have been issued by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding:-

Training

The attention of all Os. C. Units is drawn to the importance of every man who is qualified to fire Part II Table T. Machine Gun, firing Part I of the same table first on the 30 yards range. The range is always available to units on their recognized days of parade or on application to the Adjutant.

The service Machine Guns is available for firing as from Monday, September 2.

Musketry

The Battery and Corps Signals will fire Table T. Rifle at Stonecutters Range on Sunday. Range Officer: 2nd Lieut. J. H. Bottomley. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry Order. I.E. Rifle, bayonet, belt, braces and pouches or bandolier. Uniform or mufti optional. Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-morrow between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Corps Band

The Band will parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters to-morrow and Tuesday in mufti for Band Practice.

Aquatic Sports

The Band will parade in uniform, caps, tunics, belts and cross belts, slacks and black boots at 8.45 p.m. at V.R.C. on Saturday.

The Battery

The attention of all ranks is directed to Order No. 2 Musketry. All who have not completed Table T. Rifle will attend. Dress: Bandolier, belt, Rifle and bayonet.

Tuesday—Lecture at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, September 13—Gun Drill at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Corps Signals

Parades at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, and Thursday, September 12, for Signal Training. Dress: Mufti.

Musketry—Table T. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday. Uniform optional, but rifle and bayonet, belt and pouches must be taken.

For times of launches see Order No. 2.

Mounted Infantry Company

Thursday, September 12. All ranks will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Armoured Car Company

Car Section—Monday Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run in Armoured Car.

Friday, September 13. Recruits parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for driving instruction.

Motor Cycle Section—Monday, September 9, all ranks will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5 p.m. and proceed by Ford Truck to Kennedy Road Range for Machine Gun Instruction.

Machine Gun Company

Tuesday, September 10. The Company will parade at full strength at 5.30 p.m. in mufti at Headquarters for Machine Gun Training. No. 3 Platoon will proceed by Ford Truck to Kennedy Road Range under 2/Lieut. J. F. Wright.

M.G. Pt. II Table T. M. G. The Company will fire at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, September 15. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Pier 8.40 a.m. Range Officer 2/Lieut. D. M. Richards.

Scottish Company

Parades—Thursday, September 12.

Demonstration and Instruction in Machine Gun Table "T" (This practice will be fired by the Company at Stonecutters Range on September 22 and November 3. Full details will be published in next week's Orders).

Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons at Corps Headquarters under Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. Geo. Duncan, M.B.E.

Musketry—Members of the Company who have yet to fire their Table "T" Rifle Practice will have a final opportunity of doing so at Taifoo Range on Sunday, September 8.

Dress—optional, but rifle, bay-

TORCATS ROOSTERS

Children will be afforded a final opportunity of seeing Torcat's wonderful performing Roosters at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow when there will be a special matinee at 2.30 p.m.

Those who have not yet witnessed the performance would do well to do so, for they will undoubtedly be treated to a delightfully humorous exhibition by remarkably well trained roosters!

Mr. John Dobson, of Wood Close Farm, South Wingate, co. Durham, was rescued from a bull, which had tossed him three times, by a farm servant, who attracted the animal into another field.

Behind the Scenes
in Hollywood

By DOROTHY HERZOG

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Hollywood, July 25. According to a story picked up on the Famous Players' lot, Joseph Von Sternberg is slated to trek to Berlin to direct Emil Jannings in a picture for Paramount release. Efforts to learn details were unsuccessful. But the very fact that Von Sternberg is to megaphone a Jannings flick is interesting.

In all likelihood it may have to do with the foreign motion picture situation. Foreign countries are wary of the onslaught of American production. For economic and business reasons, it 'pears when Jannings and his wife departed the U.S.A. they took their belongings with him. Looks as though Herr Emil will conclude his famous flick contract on home grounds. Von Sternberg, if you recollect, megaphoned him in one of his biggest reelers. "The Last Command."

They do be saying Chester Conklin is nigh ready to call finis to his flick career. Chester has worked for a pretty long stretch and he has worked for good do-re-me. Now he's set to play and enjoy it. 'Tis said that

Dress: Optional, Belt.

Nos. 11 and 12 Platoons for Arms and Squad Drill.

Dress: Optional, Belt Rifle and Bayonet.

Recruits—All Recruits will parade at Miniature Range for Musketry Instruction at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Optional, Belt, Rifle and Bayonet.

Strength

The following recruits have been taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1496 Pte. J. Forbes, No. 7 Platoon, as from 30.8.29.

No. 1497 Pte. J. R. M. Ferreira, No. 12 Platoon, as from 2.9.29.

Resignation

The following have resigned from the Corps having left the Colony permanently:—

No. 1299 Pte. H. S. Berent, M. C. Section as from 4.9.29.

No. 1117 Pte. D. L. McLean, No. 5 Platoon as from 31.8.29.

Transfers

No. 1601 Bugler C. S. Pile to No. 3 Platoon from Corps Headquarters as from 5.9.29.

Leave

Leave of absence from the Colony is granted as under:—

No. 1328 Pte. C. C. Francis from 2.8.29 to 2.9.29.

No. 1270 Pte. H.M.S. Omer from 2.8.29 to 1.10.29.

Promotions

The following promotion in the Band will take effect as from 5.9.29:—

1175 Cpl. D. C. Baptista to be Band Sergeant.

1112 Cpl. J. L. Alves to be Band L/Sergeant.

1161 L/Cpl. H. A. Botelho to be Band Cpl.

1210 L/Cpl. A. F. Silva to be Band Cpl.

1237 B/man D. J. Fernandes to be Band L/Cpl.

1275 B/man C. Dragon to be Band L/Cpl.

R. A. Wolfe Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICES

Promenade Concert

Friday, September 13, at 9.15 p.m. on the Parade Ground at Volunteer Headquarters. By kind permission of Major B. C. Lake, D.S.O. and The Officers, The Band, 2nd Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers will play, assisted by the Corps Band. The Aloha Serenaders have also kindly consented to perform.

Tickets \$1 each are obtainable on cash payment from Canteen and Mess Boys at Volunteer Headquarters and from Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

Aquatic Sports

The Annual Aquatic Sports will be held at the Victoria Recreation Club at 9 p.m. on Saturday, September 7.

Post entries will be accepted.

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Mr. John Dobson, of Wood Close Farm, South Wingate, co. Durham, was rescued from a bull, which had tossed him three times, by a farm servant, who attracted the animal into another field.

Chester Conklin

when his contractual option expires he moves his walrus moustache and the rest of his wardrobe from his Famous Players' dressing-room.

The Pranksters

Chico is a violinist. He is known as a concert fiddler in Europe, but in Hollywood Chico fiddles for Universal at ten dollars an hour.

As a result of conscientious saving he recently purchased a \$10,000 violin. He insured it for \$8,000.

Tother day on Reginald Denny's "No, No, Napoleon," set, Denny and Director William Craft framed against Chico.

When Chico is not playing his violin is placed in the case and covered with a cloth. Denny and Bill Craft, however, switched the coveted instrument and replaced it with a "prop" fiddle. Then Craft started to pick a fight with Denny. Every one was wise except Chico. Denny swung at Craft and Bill backed away. He backed to the open violin case. Chico rushed at them. But too late. Crash! Craft splintered upon the fiddle. Splintering wood and snapping strings. Chico froze. His face turned ashen. Dead silence. Slowly Chico crept to the battered violin.

All eyes focussed upon him. Serious eyes, slightly apprehensive of the prank, and then, to be sure, he discovered the bashed fiddle to be a fraud. But it was a goodly time before Chico managed a smile at the gag.

Lionel Barrymore

BARRYMORE, Lionel

Lionel Barrymore gets a great

kick out of directing. He arrives

on the set by the dawn's early light

—hair slicked, tie at the correct

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